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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Sunday, June 30, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2013:**

District 2: will be open north of the latitude of 54°47.10' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile south of McLean Point Light) and south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

The Kendrick Bay terminal harvest area (THA) opened on June 15, 2013, by regulation, and will be open continuously to purse seining through September 30, unless closed by emergency order. The Kendrick Bay THA consists of those waters of Kendrick Bay west of 131°59.00' W. longitude and those waters of McLean Arm west of 131°57.80' W. longitude.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 30, 2013:**

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within three nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 30, 2013:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within one-half nautical mile from the Chichagof Island shoreline south of 58°03.00' N. latitude and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N. latitude (located one nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light);

Tenakee Inlet: will be open west of a line from the easternmost tip of East Point to South Passage Point Light to South Passage Point and east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point;

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36' N. latitude, 134°50.53' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 30, 2013:**

Section 13-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

Saook Bay: will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

Rodman Bay: will be closed south and west of a line from the easternmost tip of Point Elizabeth to Point Benham Light;

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA must be kept separate from the areas of District 2 outside of Kendrick Bay THA and recorded separately on a fish ticket. This includes the new portion of the THA in Mclean Arm. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 inside of Kendrick Bay. In addition, and new for 2013, the statistical area for the THA portion of Mclean arm is now 102-15. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

Hidden Falls THA Information: The 2013 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 1,315,000. Of this return, 160,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 1,155,000 available for common property harvest. Fishermen can expect openings on Sundays and Thursdays through July 7. After July 7,

openings may be affected by the need to secure broodstock. On June 27, the average weight of chum salmon was 7.3 pounds and the sex ratio was 57% male. Chum salmon tax assessment remains in effect – see the purse seine news release dated June 5, 2013 for additional information.

The Pt. Augusta index area pink salmon harvest was 111% of the ten year average.

Fishermen are reminded that common property purse seine opportunities in the Amalga Harbor SHA may occur in July, only on Thursdays, and will be limited to 6 hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Tuesday, **July 2, 2013**.

Copies of the “2013 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S2013.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates							
Statistical Week 26							
Preliminary Estimates compiled June 28, 2013							
NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2	0	2,100	4,500	10,000	50,000	66,600	41
Point Augusta	0	500	100	19,500	8,700	28,800	10
Deep Inlet THA	300	100	0	0	48,000	48,400	32
Hidden Falls THA	400	340	100	3,000	206,000	209,840	89
FISH PER BOAT							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 2	0	51	110	244	1,220	1,624	
Point Augusta	0	50	10	1,950	870	2,880	
Deep Inlet THA	9	3	0	0	1,500	4,400	
Hidden Falls THA	4	4	1	34	2,315	2,358	
Section 13-C: confidential.							
Tenakee Inlet: confidential.							
Anita Bay THA: 100 chums and 1,000 kings harvested to date.							
Kendrick Bay THA: 5,000 chums harvested to date.							

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